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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, EIC
FROM: Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals
SUBJECT: Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1960

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During FY 1960

The EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals held 2 meetings during fiscal year 1960. These meetings were concerned with: 1) The preparation of a coordinated statement of priority intelligence collection deficiencies on the chemical and related industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc; and 2) Discussion of Subcommittee suggestions for new exchanges of chemical delegations between the US and the USSR.

1. Review of the Intelligence Product

No comprehensive review and evaluation of the state of intelligence on the chemical industries of foreign countries was conducted by the Subcommittee during fiscal year 1960. The state of chemical intelligence on Soviet activities in selected fields, such as missile propellants, biological and chemical warfare, and nuclear energy was evaluated, however, in connection with the preparation of the statement of priority collection deficiencies and the discussions of suggestions for new exchanges. In fact, the need for additional information on these important subjects prompted the Subcommittee action relating to the exchange program.

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. Research Deficiencies

The existing statement of "Priority Deficiencies of Research on Sino-Soviet Bloc Chemicals" (EIC-S-1/2) is now about 2 years old. It is planned to revise this statement in fiscal year 1961.

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b. Collection Deficiencies

A revised statement of "Priority Deficiencies in Collection" is currently being prepared by the Subcommittee. It is planned to have this statement completed, approved by the Subcommittee and submitted to the EIC Secretariat before 30 June.

The Subcommittee on Chemicals decided to limit the statement of "Priority Deficiencies in Collection" to those deficiencies of highest priority rather than to make it a comprehensive statement of requirements. It was felt, therefore, that the statements of "Gaps in Information" which contain items of lower priority, were not entirely suitable for use as statements of "Priority Deficiencies in Collection."

3. Other Functions of the Subcommittee

During fiscal year 1960 no work was done relating to the other functions of the Subcommittee. No substantive papers were reviewed, no projects were undertaken at the request of the EIC, no projects were proposed to the EIC and no proposals for external research were reviewed. Furthermore, there was no need for coordination of basic statistics because there was virtually no duplication of effort among the various agencies in the production of such data. Other than the activities mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, the Subcommittee performed no special coordination functions. Although there was no coordination by the Subcommittee of chemical intelligence produced by the various agencies, much bilateral coordination was effected by the membership during the year.

4. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee


Although the Subcommittee on Chemicals has not been particularly active, it continues to serve a number of useful purposes. It provides the mechanism for rapidly coordinating evaluations, reports, or expressions of opinion as requested by the EIC or other interagency committees as well as for precluding duplication of effort in the various phases of the intelligence process. It also functions as a medium for the exchange of important new intelligence information and for the discussion of ways and means to improve the state of chemical intelligence. As an example of the latter, much of the recent Subcommittee effort has been directed toward

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Initiating exchanges of chemical delegations with the USSR, in the hope of improving the state of intelligence in the fields of nuclear energy and biological and chemical warfare.

B. Future Programs of the Subcommittee

In fiscal year 1961 the Subcommittee plans to intensify its efforts to initiate exchanges of chemical delegations with the USSR as a possible means of obtaining information relating to chemical intelligence objectives of high priority. Other activities planned for the coming year include revision of the statement of "Priority Deficiencies in Research" and further development of the Subcommittee meeting as a forum for discussion of new intelligence information and problems of common concern.

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REVIEW OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS:

11. Discussion: The Chemicals Subcommittee Executive Secretary, [REDACTED] reported that his Subcommittee had not been very active during the past year, having met but three times, but that they expected to hold more meetings in the coming year. He pointed out that there had been an increased interest in the technical exchanges and they are providing support to the USIB Committee on Exchanges. Other plans for this year include re-vision of statements of priority research deficiencies and priority collection deficiencies. [REDACTED] stated that the basic reason for their not issuing the Statements of Collection Deficiencies was because they were unsure as to the purpose they served, and he asked the Chairman for some enlightenment.

The Chairman stated that the ORR/GIs have been considered as a framework for subcommittee consideration and that most of the collection deficiency statements are geared to this kind of presentation. These statements, in some cases, are sent to the field as submitted. Some collection components at Headquarters add their own instructions and transmit only selected parts of these statements as requirements to their field people. He pointed out that the subcommittee collection deficiencies statements reflect the interests of all participants and each agency could initiate its own type of requirement for collection on the basis of these deficiency statements.

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[REDACTED] said that on the basis of the discussion, the Subcommittee would proceed with getting the statement out this year. The Executive Secretary of the Subcommittee said that ATIC had indicated that it might wish to be represented on the Subcommittee.

12. Action: The Chairman said that within this Subcommittee's area of responsibility were some very important intelligence targets and that the subcommittee mechanism should be used to maximize intelligence collection in these areas of interest.

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NSC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS

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Chairman:

Dr. Nathan Gordon, Army

Executive Secretary:

[REDACTED] CIA

**Agencies Represented: State, Army, Navy, Air Force,
OSD, CIA, Commerce, ICA**

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I. Activities During FY 1959 (met 3 times)

**Revised Research Deficiencies Survey; and gave support
to USIB Committee on Exchanges.**

II. Plans for FY 1960

**Further revisions of Priority Research Deficiencies;
preparation of Priority Collection Deficiency statements based
on ORR/GIs; continued support to USIB Committee on Exchanges;
and to devote more effort to the coordination of research and
collection programs and to review of reports of interest to more
than one agency.**

III. Notes for the AD

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